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First Named Applicant	HEMITS, JOHN			

TITLE OF INVENTION: ENDLESS LOOP VOICE DATA STORAGE AND RETRIEVABLE APPARATUS AND METHOD THEREOF

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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

PART I.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to an amendment filed June 29, 1994
2. ☒ All the claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course.
3. ☒ The allowed claims are 1-8
4. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has ☐ been received. ☐ not been received. ☐ been filed in parent application Serial No. _____, filed on _____
6. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's Amendment.
7. ☐ Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413.
8. ☒ Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
9. ☒ Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892.
10. ☐ Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449.

PART II.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" indicated on this form. Failure to timely comply will result in the ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

1. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
2. ☒ APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE DRAWING CHANGES INDICATED BELOW IN THE MANNER SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAPER.
 - a. ☒ Drawing informalities are indicated on the NOTICE RE PATENT DRAWINGS, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 3. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - b. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - c. ☐ Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - d. ☒ Formal drawings are now REQUIRED.

Any response to this letter should include in the upper right hand corner, the following information from the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE: ISSUE BATCH NUMBER, DATE OF THE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, AND SERIAL NUMBER.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL-413 | <input type="checkbox"/> Notice re Patent Drawings, PTO-948 |
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Part III DETAILED ACTION

1. Acknowledgement is made of a response filed June 27, 1994.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-8 are allowable over the prior art of record.

3. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Similar to the present invention, the best prior art reference, Leung et al. discloses an apparatus (see Fig. 1 of Leung et al.) having a logger (15), a message repeater (10), a record unit (14), and the tape recorders (analog tape recorders 26 and 27). The difference is that they fail to disclose the claimed pointers, the RAM, the controller, their interconnections and functions as recited in claim 5. In addition, they fail to disclose the claimed step for retrieving audio from the RAM while audio is written into a digital audio tape and the RAM itself.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

U.S Patent # 5,339,203 publication by Henits et al. discloses an apparatus and method for retrieving a message from a digital audio tape.

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thien Le whose telephone number is (703) 305-3500.

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